

LOCAL ITEMS

About Our Town and Its People

After enjoying that good Thanksgiving dinner spend an hour at the Empress and see Julian Eltinge in "The Clever Mrs. Carfax," one of the good ones on the Lasky-Paramount program.

Mrs. Vera Jenks of Grattan visited Monday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Dean of Orleans.

Twelve photos make 12 Christmas gifts. Make an appointment now. Dennis studio.—Adv.

Miss Helen Baxter of Ronald left for Grand Rapids Tuesday, after spending a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Minier.

A Mi-o-na stomach tablet taken after meals will prevent any distress or uncomfortable feeling. Guaranteed by Wortley & French.—Adv.

Glenn Bush is very ill. Mrs. F. R. Gamber returned home Tuesday evening after spending a week with relatives in Toledo, O. Mrs. Bell Cress of Toledo is spending a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. Olive Wilder of this city. Mrs. Rose McConnell and Mrs. Adell McNitt were the representatives from the local Rebekah lodge to the Rebekah assembly convention at Grand Rapids last week. Uncle Miles Wood is very bad again and is confined to the bed. Baby Leona Forward is on the sick list.

Mrs. Leonard Irish and children are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. King.

Fred Johnston of Orleans called on friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Johnston were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bush and family.

Judge Burhorst, who made many friends here when he was on crutches, says Rheuma made him well. Wortley & French sell this great rheumatism remedy.

PATRIOTIC SPIRIT OF OUR PEOPLE IS APPRECIATED

BYRON F. BROWN, BOARD OF COMMERCE SECY, VIEWS EFFORTS OF LOCAL PEOPLE.

Byron F. Brown, secretary of the local board of commerce, who some time ago wrote a greetings to the boys in khaki and blue, this week writes the following letter to the "home folks" in recognition of what they have done in the matter of helping win the war.

Mr. Brown's appreciative article in review of the past year and one-half of efforts on the part of the local people is as follows:

To All the Folks at Home: A few weeks ago it was my pleasure to write a letter, through the Belding Banner-News, to our boys in Khaki and Blue and it seems to me just at this time it would be equally appropriate to write one to all the folks at home.

During the past week we have carried through our drive for United War Work funds and as usual Belding goes over the top magnificently. Our quota is something over \$8,000 and we believe when the subscription cards are all in our total will show nearly, if not quite \$12,000. This, it seems to me, is the crowning effort for Belding at the close of the war and only further emphasizes the magnificent spirit shown by our citizens from start to finish.

It doesn't take long to figure up that practically every citizen of Belding has to economize, figure a little closer in their expenses and work a little harder in order to do his bit in this war. It is true, however, that every one works and we are proud of the fact that we can and do. True we have our Bolsheviks, every town has them but I am glad to be able to say truthfully that they are so few and far between that we can overlook them entirely.

On the other hand, the people at large have acted so willingly whenever and wherever they have been called upon either for money or time, that it would be impossible to praise any particular few. As a great big whole we have shown that we at home are just as anxious for the nation's best interests as our men who are in Uncle Sam's army and navy, who have cheerfully given up their life's work and strenuously fitted themselves to face danger and hardship to make the world safe for humanity.

We at home have been doing our bit and I know that the boys over there fully realize this fact and are as proud of us as we are of them. We have shown that we desire to shoulder our part of war's burdens by contributing to our utmost in time and money, to make more pleasant the surroundings and more cheerful the long hours of those who are engaged as our representatives in a holy war.

Our citizens have shown that they are men and women with souls, men and women with big vision and it is their voluntary and cheerful giving that makes the gift doubly acceptable. It's this real personal offering, this real personal sacrifice that binds with golden cord our best thoughts and acts and makes these an inspiration for those who are holding their lives cheap for the glory, the honor and the safety of America.

It is this spirit that makes Belding what it is and what will make the boys in khaki and blue as glad to see us when they return as we shall be to see them. When this time comes there will certainly be great rejoicing yet mingled with this a tinge of sorrow when we consider those few golden stars which stand for those who have sacrificed their all.

The rain drops that fall on our service flag, as it hangs in our street, represent a mother's tears for these boys that have gone. So let us not forget, in our hour of rejoicing, the sympathy and a warm grasp of the hand that is due those mothers and families whose soldier boys have sacrificed their lives for us.

Sincerely yours,
Belding Board of Commerce,
Byron F. Brown, Secretary.

Adv. Brought the Cat Back. Some few weeks ago when Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ballard moved to this city, they brought with them a large cat, which was a great pet in the family and after they were settled, the feline not liking any place but the old home in Sparta, took French leave. Mrs. Ballard, like her husband who is chief in the new Ballard-Lloyd store, believing in advertising, at once inserted a "Lost" adv. in the business liner section of the Banner-News and the adv. brought no immediate results. Mrs. Ballard therefore, chided us somewhat on not having a very efficient advertising medium, because of the fact that the cat had not as yet been returned. We told Mrs. Ballard to be patient, as our advertisements always delivered the goods and we were quite certain that the cat would be returned, dead or alive. On returning home, there was the cat, brought back home by some person who had found him up in the south part of the city and then we received the following pleasant little note from Mrs. Ballard:

"Mr. Engemann: 'I must apologize for telling you that no one read the Banner-News as through the advertisement in your paper and the kindly assistance of some of its readers our cat was returned. He is not an Angora nor a cat with a long pedigree but when it comes to rats he is a regular Pied Piper. Now that the prodigal has returned we will settle down to enjoy life in Belding.'"

"Mrs. J. C. Ballard."

Leonard Wood left for Detroit Monday where he has a position.

Leon Forward is able to be up after a week's illness.

Fred LaGrange had business in Stanton Friday.

Everyone is hollering to have prices put down and the popular theory of how to accomplish it is to get your own wages put up.



The Senior and Junior Red Cross are making some very attractive story books to send across to our convalescent soldier boys. These books must be completed by Nov. 29. The model will be shown in the window of Wortley & French's drug store. Be sure and bring your completed book to the Red Cross rooms at the City Hall Friday, Nov. 29.

The time has been extended for the Christmas boxes for the soldiers to Nov. 30.

The Red Cross has been given a few coupons that can be issued to the nearest relative who has not received a coupon.

NOT MANY WHO CARE TO ASSUME BIG RESPONSIBILITY

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICES ARE NOT EAGERLY SOUGHT HONORS AS WERE POLITICAL JOBS OF OLD CHARTER.

Not a great many of the capable and efficient men of this city care to leave their own business enough to go after a position on the new city council which will be composed of three men who will be elected as commissioners at the special election called for that purpose and which will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 10, and at which time a justice of the peace and two constables will be elected in addition to the three commissioners. No other officers will be elected, as every other official of the city is hired by the city manager, who will be hired by the three commissioners.

Petitions are being circulated for Ernest Shawley, elected alderman at the last spring election on the Citizens ticket, which sprung up in this city as an outgrowth of religious wrangling and prejudice of two years ago. Mr. Shawley represents the First ward as alderman at the present time and in case he wins out would be one of the three men to whom would be entrusted the managing of the affairs of this city. Dennis Hollenbeck, alderman of the Second ward is also one of the present aldermen, whose friends are circulating a petition in his favor and he stands a good chance also of being elected.

Alvin S. Dimmick, well known lumberman of this city is also one for whom petitions are being circulated and whose prospects for the landing of one of these offices look bright. R. Howard Hall, president of the local board of commerce is also being petitioned for one of the three offices, as is also Charles Lamberton, well known foreman of the machine rooms in factory "A" who will undoubtedly be elected. In addition to the above

we learn that petitions are out for W. R. Olds, a former alderman in the Third ward and also for Owen J. Barker, a former alderman in the First ward, each one of whom would be competent and efficient men on the new city commission.

None of the men for whom petitions are being circulated, with the possible exception of Mr. Shawley, whom we have not interviewed, are over anxious to be elected to the office, realizing as they do that the position carries with it a tremendous responsibility and will require a great deal of time being put in on the job, for which the compensation allowed in the new charter will be nearly nothing.

Justice E. B. Lapham, present justice of the peace, has a petition out for that office for himself, but to date there are no men seeking the offices of constables although there is a petition going the rounds for Charley Coon, the present constable in the Third ward, who states that it might just as well stop circulating as he is tired of seeing the local justices impose 47 cent fines upon offenders of the law when they are hauled into court upon some breach of the peace and from the present indications it sure looks like the office seeking the man—a reversal of the old order of things when there were a plenty of men to seek the office.

Notice. The firm of McLean Bros. has been dissolved by mutual consent, each of the members of the firm continuing in the business of draying, etc., on his own account.

George McLean.
Lew McLean.

Notice. Prof. Paul R. Helsel of Spring Arbor seminary, will preach at both the morning and evening services at the Free Methodist church next Sunday, Nov. 24. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

J. F. Ing.

If You Buy It Of Willoughby You Know It Is Good.

Christmas Merchandise
A store full of Useful Christmas gifts at prices which are Right

The quality is the same high standard we have always carried.

In WATCHES, one of the most useful articles of today, we have a large and varied line of high grade movements. As TIME is the most valuable of all raw materials, you should be in a position to save it. You can do so by buying one of our reliable Time Pieces. Let us show you.

Our line of Silverware in Sterling and Plate is the most complete in Belding, any of which make useful Christmas presents. Then there are Casseroles, Frye Oven Glass, China, Cut Glass and a great many other articles too numerous to mention.

Call and let us show you our beautiful line of merchandise. No trouble to show goods. We will lay away any article with a small deposit.

YOURS FOR QUALITY, PRICES AND SERVICE

OUR AIM IS M. L. Willoughby SATISFACTION TO PLEASE. GUARANTEED.

JEWELRY and PATHEPHONES
Watch Makers and Inspectors for Pere Marquette Railroad.
Thirteen Years in the Jewelry Business.

Do Your Christmas Shopping Early



Give Neckwear

Our experience in the past years has been that those who have men to buy for, usually include some ties in their list.

We've taken great care in the selection of our holiday stocks. The large assortment of pure silk ties with large flowing ends, and the pleasing variety of colorings and patterns give you a wide range of choice.

50c 75c \$1 \$1.50 \$2.50

Fristoe & Divine

ANNOUNCEMENT!

We have opened a Cream Buying station in the Vincent Block, West Main Street, Belding, and are ready to pay you the highest cash price for your Cream, Eggs, Poultry, etc.

The Station will be under the management of Mr. Fred M. Sauer, of this city, an experienced Cream Station Manager.

Michigan Dairy Products
Company

Each year with the approach of the Anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth Rock, prudent house wives make provision for essential home needs.

To enable them to continue this custom economically, we announce this

Thanksgiving Sale of Table Linens, Bed Spreads, Underwear and Other Lines

In planning this event we have closely adhered to the policy established in past years to give our patrons the opportunity of supplying themselves with linens and other needed merchandise at special prices. At this time with abnormal markets, the values below, point to this occasion as a very successful achievement.

These prices good until Thanksgiving unless the lines are sooner closed out

Thanksgiving Sale of Table Damask

In spite of the fact that real linen is very scarce, we are showing a good assortment of real linen and mercerized Table Damask.

64 inch Mercerized, 75c quality 69c
64 inch fine Mercerized 89c quality 79c
68 inch half linen, \$1.50 quality \$1.29
70 inch all linen, \$2.00 quality \$1.79
72 inch all linen, \$2.50 quality \$2.25
72 inch all linen, \$3.00 quality \$2.75

Thanksgiving Sale of Bed Spreads

Nice snowy white bed spreads, extra good qualities, full sizes and good patterns.

\$2.00 Bed Spreads \$1.79
\$2.50 Bed Spreads \$2.25
\$3.50 Bed Spreads \$3.15
\$4.00 Bed Spreads \$3.50
\$5.00 Bed Spreads \$4.50
\$7.00 Bed Spreads \$6.25

A SPECIAL IN TOWELS

18x36 inch Turkish Towel, 29c value,
2 for 45c

Ladies' and Children's Underwear

Good quality Ladies' or Children's Union Suits, all sizes and styles.

Ladies' sizes 4, 5 and 6 95c
Sizes 7, 8, 9 \$1.05
Boys' or Girls' Union Suits 2 and 3 79c; 4, 5 and 6, 89c;
7, 8, 9 98c
Boys' heavy Utica Fleece Shirts nearly all sizes
value up to \$1.00, choice 69c

Quilt Making Time

Save money and buy your quilt material during this sale. We offer:

3 cases our regular 18c Batts at 14c
2 cases our regular 22c Batts at 18c
2 cases our regular 25c Batts at 22c
Full comfortable size batts \$1.50 and \$2.00
3 pound Wool Batts, size 72x81 \$3.00
36 inch best Silkline 25c
36 inch Challie 35c
Best Prints 20c

Lloyd's

EXTRA SPECIAL
This is a nice fine even weave sheeting, will bleach pure white with a few ordinary washings.
Yard wide Red Star Sheeting 25c